GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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GRAIN BANKS .
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union government propose to open grain banks where there are internal flows inthe expansion of the public distribution system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these grains banks are likely to be opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): Government has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme on Grain Banks in Tribal Villages since 1996-97 in 13 States. On the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Union Ministers and Chief Ministers on Food Management and Agriculture Export a revised Grain Bank Scheme has been prepared.The revised scheme is aimed at covering 1.14 lakh tribal villages throughout the country in the first phase with an estimated cost of Rs. 1066.00 crore. The cash component under the scheme is Rs. 66.00 crore to be disbursed to the States for storage bins, expenditure on lifting of foodgrains etc. under the scheme. The foodgrains are to be supplied to the States on their demand through the FCI. The revised scheme is yet to be approved by the Government.